

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A steering system for supporting a steering shaft to which a steering wheel attaches so as to be adjustable of an axial displacement of the steering wheel, the
5 steering system comprising:

an inner column for rotatably supporting the steering shaft;

an outer jacket adapted to take, when the outer jacket is pressed in a facing direction, either a first
10 state in which an outer circumferential surface of the inner column is held in such a manner as to disable the adjustment of the axial displacement; or a second state in which the outer circumferential surface of the inner column is held in such a manner as to enable the adjustment
15 of the axial displacement;

a bracket portion for fixing the outer jacket to a vehicle body; and

a fixing member for connecting the outer jacket with the bracket portion,

20 wherein when the outer jacket is shifted from the second state to the first state, the inner column receives pressures applied thereto by the outer jacket in a plurality of directions which are different from at least the facing direction.

2. A steering system for supporting a steering shaft to which a steering wheel attaches so as to be adjustable of an axial displacement of the steering wheel, the steering system comprising:
- 5 an inner column for rotatably supporting the steering shaft;
- a pair of bracket portions mounted on a vehicle body and disposed at positions which face each other with respect to an axis of the steering shaft;
- 10 a tension member provided in such a manner as to extend between the pair of bracket portions;
- two fixing members for fixing the tension member relative to the pair of bracket portions;
- an application member provided between the tension member and the fixing members and the application member applying a relative displacement between the bracket portions and the fixing members in accordance with an operation of a manipulation lever; and
- 15 an outer jacket held to the vehicle body through the connection of the tension member, the bracket portions and the fixing members, the outer jacket having:
- a pressurizing portion where an outer circumference of the outer jacket contacts with both of the pair of bracket portions at positions located at least 20 between the pair of bracket portions by virtue of relative

displacement of the pair of bracket portions; and
an inner circumferential surface which
encloses and supports an outer circumference of the inner
column,

5 wherein the inner column receives pressurizing
forces applied thereto by the bracket portions and the
fixing members in a plurality of directions which are
different from a relative displacement direction of the
outer jacket.

10 3. The steering system as set forth in Claim 2, wherein
when the pair of bracket portions approach each other,
the outer jacket is brought into contact with the inner
column on both circumferential sides thereof in such a
manner that the both circumferential side holds
15 therebetween a position which intersects with a direction
in which the bracket portions and the fixing members are
displaced relatively.

20 4. The steering system as set forth in Claim 3, wherein
a recess is formed on at least either of the inner
circumferential surface of the outer jacket and an
outer circumferential surface of the inner column, and
wherein a horizontal line which intersects with the
axis of the inner column passes through the recess so

formed.

5. The steering system as set forth in Claim 2, wherein
the outer jacket deflects in such a manner that
5 a location thereof which is circumferentially farther
apart from a position, which intersects with a direction
in which the bracket portions and the fixing members are
displaced relatively, is displaced more largely than a
location thereof which is circumferentially closer to
10 the position, when the outer jacket contacts the inner
column as the pair of bracket portions approach each
other.

6. A steering system as set forth in Claim 5, wherein
15 the pressurizing portion of the outer jacket, with which
at least one of the bracket portions is brought into
abutment; includes a flange portion extending radially
from the outer jacket, and
wherein a recess is formed on an outer circumference
20 of the flange portion at a position where a horizontal
line which intersects with the axis of the inner column
passes.